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# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba man arrested last week on multiple sexual abuse charges

According to Coffee County Jail reports, Douglas Marler, age 35, of Elba currently is in jail facing multiple charges of sexual abuse and rape.

Jail records show that Marler was booked into the county jail at 2:35 p.m. Friday, April 28, following an arrest by Elba Police. His charges include attempted rape – first degree [\$30,000 bond],



two counts of sexual abuse – first degree [\$15,000 bond each], and two counts of sodomy – first degree [no bond listed for these two charges].

No other information has been released by Elba Police on Marler's arrest. He remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.

## Two men arrested last week in Elba on drug-related charges

Two drug-related arrests were made last week by Elba Police, according to Coffee County Jail records.

Christopher Blietz, age 29, of Elba, was booked into the county jail at 6:08 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, following his arrest. The charges on record include possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], tampering with physical evidence [\$5,000 bond], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$2,000 bond], and misdemeanor failure to appear [\$500 bond].



The following day, Thursday, April 27, Timothy Wilson, age 44, of Elba, was arrested by Elba Police and booked into the county jail at 7:15 p.m. Jail records show he is charged with

CCBOE accepts resignation of New Brockton teacher during called meeting

The Coffee County Board of Education held a called meeting Thursday, April 27, at noon, and the only action taken by the board, other than voting to enter an executive session, was the acceptance of a resignation letter from a New Brockton School teacher.

After calling the meeting to order, the board members voted to enter an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. After they returned to open session, board members voted to approve the superintendent's recommendations for personnel matters.

The only matter listed on the Superintendent Kelly Cobbs list was to accept the resignation of HeartLee Sanders as a teacher at New Brockton High School, effective immediately.

No further details were provided.

The Coffee County Board of Education will meet this Thursday, May 4, for the board's regular monthly meeting. That is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

## Area Happenings

**Elba City School's presentation of Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.®** begins Thursday, May 4, and continues through Saturday, May 6th. Tickets can be purchased on Gofan or can be purchased at the door. Thursday and Friday shows at 6:30 p.m. Saturday will have two show times - 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**The Evergreen Cemetery Board** will meet Thursday, May 4, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St. This meeting is open to the public.

**Local Masonic Motorcycle Riders** will conduct a Pulled Pork Plate Fundraiser to, in part, fund Christmas gifts for residents of the Elba Nursing and Rehab Center. The fundraiser will be Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Elba Masonic Lodge, located across from the Carl Folsom Airport on Larkin Road in Elba. Plates will be carryout only. Suggested donation \$10 per plate.



**LOOKING TO BRING A BLUEWAY TRAIL TO ELBA...** This group of interested folks gathered recently at the Elba Public Library to discuss the possibility of bringing a Blueway Trail to Elba's Pea River and Whitewater Creek. This is a project of Restoration 154, according to Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, and that group is working with the National Park Service [NPS] as part of a grant award from NPS. A blueway water trail is a marked route navigable waterways such as rivers, lakes, canals, and coastlines for recreational use. Blueway trails allow access to waterways for watercraft – including non-motorized boats, inner tubes, etc. NPS is providing a service to Elba to help locate ways to take advantage of its natural resources, like the Pea River and Whitewater Creek. Meeting participants included (shown above in a round table discussion at the Elba Public Library): Mayor Maddox; Greg Hanchey, Elba Parks and Recreation; Sandy Williams, Elba Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet and Tourism; Steve Northcutt, The Nature Conservancy; Ed Poolos, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Rachel Armstrong, Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission; Justin Maddox, Restoration 154; Laurie Chapman, Restoration 154; Bill Lane, National Parks Service; Jeff Powell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Alabama Ecological Services Field Office; Evelyn Moreno, National Parks Service; Tony and Amanda Johnson, owners of Pea River Outdoors; Gappa Wise, Elba City Councilman; and Anna Mitchell, Auburn University Landscape Architecture.

## During April 24th Coffee County Commission meeting

### County engineer provides update on road resurfacing projects

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County engineer Marty Lentz provided an update on resurfacing projects during the Monday, April 24, county commission meeting held in New Brockton.

Lentz said the resurfac-

ing portion of the projects for County Roads 266 and 157 were complete.

He also noted that resurfacing on County Road 636 was scheduled to begin the second week in May, according to the contractor.

Regarding County Rd. 636, Lentz said just under

9 miles of roadway would be resurfaced, and the actual resurfacing portion should take approximately 2-3 weeks. After resurfacing work is finished, he said there would be some shoulder work for county employees to finish but not as much as required on County Rds. 266 and 157.

Environmental services coordinator Mike Thornton asked commissioners to approve a new annual bid contract for alternative daily cover at the landfill. He said LSC Environmental Products was the only company to bid for the product, and this is the company with the contract currently.

"They've really become the only player in the field," Thornton said of LSC Environmental Products. The new bid price was \$24.19 per bag for a full truckload of 880 bags. Thornton said this was about \$2 more per bag from the previous year's bid, but that was still 'in line' with the inflation being seen for products.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the bid contract.

Also, Thornton noted that the county landfill would be open and operational on

Memorial Day, which will be Monday, May 29, this year.

Upon recommendation of county administrator Rod Morgan, commissioners voted to enter a contract to allow the Sheriff's Office to work on transitioning from its web page to a phone-based app for pushing information out to county residents. He said this transition would take place in the near future.

Also, during the meeting, commissioners voted to appoint Morgan, assistant county engineer Michael Walters, and Commissioners Sonny Moore to serve on the Coffee County Solid Waste Disposal Authority board. Morgan had previously been serving and was re-appointed.

Probate Judge Jodee Thompson was reappointed to continue serving on the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board. Morgan said Thompson had been an asset serving on that board for the county.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, May 8, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the commission building in New Brockton.

## Rockin' the River set for Saturday in Elba

The annual Rockin' the River event will be Saturday, May 6, in Elba. Activities will be held at Tiger Town Park and on the Square in downtown Elba.

The day's activities will include the Foggy Bottom Car Show, River Run 5K, Kayak Race, Redneck River Run, Food Truck Alley and Vendors, Live Music, Art Expo, Pop-Up Elba History Museum, Cornhole Tournament, Art Demonstrations, Silent Auction, Arts & Crafts, Sidewalk Chalk Competition, Rubber Ducky Race, Rollin' on the River Skate Party, and more.

Visit [www.rockintheriverelba.com](http://www.rockintheriverelba.com) for more information and event times.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." — Charles R. Swindoll

Last week the New York Times released the results of their food taster board on peanut butter. Being a lover of this product, we read with great anticipation the results. Well NEITHER of the two tied for first place were our favorite. One of the two was Skippy, which we have seen in the stores, however the other one was one of a dozen that were strangers to the shelves of our area stores. Coming in close behind was JIF which made our heart race, as that is our number ONE choice and a staple in our kitchen cabinet!

Elba is the place to be - come Saturday! There is a car show, kayak race, 5K river run, live music, art exhibit, Elba history museum (pop-up), silent auction, arts and crafts, a bunch of food vendors plus a lot of other things. All this at Tiger Town Park and 'on the square'! Of course we suspect the kayak race will be in the river :).

There have been more crazy shootings in the past week. One guy in Texas is accused of killing several neighbors who reportedly had asked him to move the shooting of his automatic rifle away from their house. We read where someone tried to excuse his actions by implying he was 'probably drunk'. That may be true, but he was sober enough to run after the killings (and still on the run Tuesday of this week). So, if we are on the trial jury don't try using that defense, as we think murder is murder.

Our weekly reports in the newspaper on the large number of local citizens being arrested on drug charges stirs a lot of talk among our readers. Our question every week is, 'when will we finally get them all arrested and off the streets of Coffee County?' Maybe it is a case of someone stepping up to fill a salesman's void when a half dozen citizens accused of selling drugs are suddenly off the streets and there is not a job opening!



The Elba Chamber's "Business of the Month" for May is Lawford's Hardware. This longtime, downtown square staple hardware store is owned and operated by Wayne and Betty Lawford (pictured above).

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## EDITORIAL

### Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show set for Saturday, May 6, in Elba

rain, it will be rescheduled for May 13th.

There is no admission charge to come check out all the different cars and trucks as there will be numerous makes and models on display. Multiple trophies will be awarded to the car show participants.

For more information about the Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505 or register online at [www.rockintheriverelba.com](http://www.rockintheriverelba.com) [or register the day of the event on site].

The car show is sponsored by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers.

### Elba Police Report

**Friday, Apr. 28** - Suspicious person reported on Hwy 87 (6:36 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Ann St (7:23 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1359 Smith Ave (8:28 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Champ McCollough Dr - w/impound (9:29 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 406 Moore Ave (11:12 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 607 Mullins Circle (6:37 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in four verbal warnings, and one citation.

**Tuesday, Apr. 25** - Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 141 (2:26 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (4:16 a.m.); Disorderly person reported at 1649 Boswell St (8:32 a.m.); Animal complaints on Flats Dirt Rd (8:33 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 16105 Hwy 167, New Brockton (8:49 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 123 Dunham Ave N (4:20 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 689 Hwy 141 (9:38 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, two citations, and two verbal warnings.

**Wednesday, Apr. 26** - Suspicious circumstances reported in Mulberry Heights (1:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1303 Reese Ave - w/impound (7:58 a.m.); Disorderly person reported at 312 Simmons St (8:57 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1649 Boswell St (10:02 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 411 Moore Ave - w/arrest (4:38 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one written warning, two citations, and two verbal warnings.

**Thursday, Apr. 27** - Animal complaint reported at 990 Hwy 203 (7:37 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1131 Guyton St (6:22 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 777 Claxton Ave N (6:52 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported on Caroline St (7:20 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one written warning, and one citation.

**Sunday, Apr. 30** - Burglary reported at 707 Simmons St (10:13 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 944 Sunset Blvd (10:54 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 - w/citation issued (2:22 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (11:55 p.m.).

**Monday, May 1** - Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Farris/MLK - w/arrest (11:24 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 424 Dr Roberts Dr (1:08 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

**Friday, Apr. 28** -

Criminal mischief reported at 925 Smith Ave (9:27 a.m.); One traffic stop resulted in no action taken.

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## CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS

### PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor

Covenant Community Church

Dads, We Can Do Better

Hello, Dads.

I've heard it said that a teen spends less than an hour a week talking with his/her father and twenty-one hours a week watching TV. Add in time spent with friends, on the phone, and social media, it's a wonder that teens have time to even sleep. Bottom line, dads, such lack of interaction, relationship building, and lack of "coaching" time from you won't cut it. Is it any wonder that our teenage children are struggling like they are?

Dad, I hope you are an exception. But chances are, we all could do better. Distractions and taking on too many commitments make it extremely challenging at times to be the dad we want to be.

Dad, do you know how much time you actually spend with your children? Why not track it over the next four weeks?

Remember: Time spent with your children spells L-O-V-E. So get a calendar and schedule some weekly time with them, doing things together, talking, just being with them in their world.

You don't have to have an agenda. The goal is simply to be together, listen, and share yourself with your children. You know--heart-to-heart! This is being intentional with your kids. Otherwise, weeks and months will slip by and you will have missed wonderful opportunities to influence your sons and daughters for their good and God's glory. And that's your goal, right?

Dad, if you want to talk to someone about your journey as a dad or any struggles you're dealing with, give me a call. I've been where you are. Here's what I know for a fact: There's help and there's always hope. Remember: God's desire is to "...turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers..." (Malachi 4:6).



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**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**  
Richard Thornt Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Harry Driggers, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Seel, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**  
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Greg Cotter, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Reonie Smith, Pastor  
Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

**HANWELL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH**  
Kit Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dwight Driggers, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

**HAWK HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Shirlee Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Will Jordan, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

**HERBON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Loyell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH**  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Noon Worship ... 12:00 p.m.  
Even. Service ... 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Ser. Mon. ... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Class ... 7:00 p.m.  
Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

### Homecoming will be Sunday at Victoria Baptist Church

Victoria Baptist Church, located at 54 County Rd. 210, Jack, Ala., will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m. Crews Wright, a talented young southern gospel singer, will share a special program of gospel music. Rev. Donnie Marler, a long-time former pastor, will deliver the Homecoming message. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the morning service.

### Cemetery meeting planned for Antioch Baptist Church

Antioch Baptist Church will hold a cemetery meeting Saturday, May 13, beginning at 10 a.m., at the church. All interested in the church cemetery are urged to attend.

### Local Masonic Riders plan BBQ fundraiser for Saturday, May 20th

Local Masonic Motorcycle Riders will conduct a Pulled Pork Plate Fundraiser to, in part, fund Christmas gifts for residents of the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The fundraiser will be Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Elba Masonic Lodge, located across from the Carl Folsom Airport on Larkin Road in Elba. Plates will be carryout only.

The plates will include pulled pork, baked beans, rice, white bread, a slice of cake, and sweet or unsweet tea. Suggested donation is \$10 per plate. Any support is greatly appreciated.

### Landmark Park to host Touch a Truck and Car Show on May 20th

Landmark Park in Dothan, Ala. will host Touch a Truck and Car show on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Kids of all ages will have a chance to see approximately 50 trucks and other pieces of equipment up close and learn about their uses. Along with the vehicles on display from local companies, representatives will be on site to teach kids about safety. Kids and adults are invited to sit in the drivers' seats and honk the horns on these large pieces of equipment.

A "quiet hour" will take place from 10-11 a.m. for kids who may be afraid of loud noises. There is no charge to enter a piece of equipment into the Touch A Truck event.

Leashed pets allowed in dog walk area only.

Call Laura Weber

### Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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**Scripture:** Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but such as keep the law contend with them. Proverbs 28:1

**Thinking of You! Praying for You.**  
John Nelson, Bernice Culver, Olen Barry, Mac Sue Dawson, Alice Musgrave, Ilaya O. Kelley, C.J. Arnold, Timothy Andrews, Faye Freeny, Mary Jean Warren

ise of resurrection changed not only my view of death but also my view of life. This transformative promise prompts us to yield our lives in service to Christ. Have hope for His return and the resurrection! - L.H.P.

**The Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Association Inc.** will host a Praise and Worship service Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m. The theme is "Restore Unto Me the Joy of Thy Salvation" Psalm 51:12.

**Prayer/Scripture:** Rev. Marvin Luckett; Praise and Worship Sermon: Rev. Anthony C. Jelks, pastor, Lively Hope Baptist Church, South Pratt, Ala.

Face masks and social distancing are encouraged.

### Question/Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 5/4/23

Fill in the Blanks

**Q:** Paul tells us \_\_\_\_\_ those who persecute us.

**A:** Bless [Romans 12:14]

**Q:** To show mercy to one's enemy is to heap \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ on his head.

**A:** Coals/Fire [Romans 12:20]

**Q:** If we sow sparingly, we will reap \_\_\_\_\_.

**A:** Sparingly [III Corinthians 9:6]

### Thought to Remember

Despite the darkness and amid our struggles, God is present.

### Questions for the Week of 5/1/23

True or False

**Q:** While dedicating the temple, Solomon sacrificed over 100,000 animals.

**Q:** God promised that the temple in Jerusalem would never be destroyed.

**Q:** Christ can help us when we are tempted because he was also tempted.

**Today is a good day! Be grateful.**  
Eria's Daughter, Sue

### Church Directory

#### NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Lorraine Flowers, Minister

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Class: 7:00 p.m.

#### TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

C.P. Davis, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service: 6:00 p.m.

#### VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH

Donald Mills, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service: 6:00 p.m.

#### VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Shayne Allen, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:45 p.m.

Wed. Worship ... 7:00 p.m.

#### PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON

Terry McCrummen, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening ... 7:00 p.m.

Friday Evening ... 7:00 p.m.

#### WICKETT TABERNACLE

Bobby Lewis, Pastor

Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet. ... 7:00 p.m.

#### WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</h

## LIFESTYLES


**SSGT LUCCHESI SPEAKS TO DAR CHAPTER...**

SSGT Deanna Lucchesi was the featured speaker at the John Coffee NSDAR meeting during National Defense Month. SSGT Lucchesi was awarded a Purple Heart in 2022 for her actions while assigned to the 82nd Aviation Regiment at Al-Asad Airbase, Iraq, where her unit came under attack by the largest ballistic missile operation ever perpetrated against U.S. forces. Multiple Iranian Qiam-I short range ballistic missiles struck the hangers, maintenance facilities, living quarters and other support facilities primarily used by Task Force Scarecrow personnel. A warning of an imminent threat had been received. Within minutes one missile hit near her location and a second one hit shortly thereafter. SSGT Lucchesi helped relocate other soldiers in bunkers out of harm's way, as fire was spreading from one of the ballistic missiles. As she took accountability and reported up the chain of command, at least two ballistic missiles impacted the ground 25 meters of her position, resulting in her concussion and injury. SSGT Lucchesi currently serves as a Training Developer at the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Fort Novosel. Shown presenting a thank you gift to SSGT Lucchesi is Regent Jacque Hawkins of the John Coffee NSDAR Chapter.



**10-YEAR CERTIFICATE...** Elizabeth Vickers (right) was presented a certificate by Regent Jacque Hawkins, John Coffee Chapter NSDAR, from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution expressing appreciation to Elizabeth Vickers for 10 Years of Dedicated Service, signed by Pamela Rouse Wright, President General of NSDAR.

**Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show set for Saturday in Elba**

The Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show will be held this Saturday, May 6, in historic downtown Elba, Ala., as part of the 2023 Rockin' the River event.

The car show will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. In case of rain, it will be rescheduled for May 13th.

There is no admission charge to come check out all the different cars and trucks as there will be numerous

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**MONTGOMERY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**



Twenty-five students from Southeast Alabama have been announced as the 2023 recipients of the Southeast Gas Community Service Scholarship. These students demonstrated outstanding commitment to serving others, and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the university, college, or technical school of their choice. This year's recipients are: Allie Bedsole, Rehobeth High School; Madison Page Bledsoe, Ashford High School; Preston Bourne, New Brockton High School; Kennedy Bullard, Straughn High School; Orlandia Chitty, Abbeville High School; Paine Cole, Dothan High School; Caroline Courson, Opp High School; Mackenzie Daniel, Luverne High School; Lauren Dodson, Cottonwood High School; Kaylen Fuller, Highland Home High School; Madeline Hamilton, Headland High School; Ella Hogan, Enterprise High School; Haley Jones, Daleville High School; Khloe' Lamplrey, Pike County High School; Kimberly Morton, Russell County High School; Eli Nichols, Brantley High School; Kayley Peebles, Red Level High School; Catherine Pettie, Andalusia High School; Jacob Pryor, Greenville High School; Marlon Stabler, Carroll High School; Katie Wilkins, Charles Henderson High School; Joel Wilkinson, Pleasant Home High School; Annie Wingate, Eufaula High School; Ra Winters, Elba High School; and Aiden Wright, Dale County High School. The Community Service Scholarship program is part of an overall commitment by Southeast Gas to serve area schools through its Give Back to Schools initiative. Since the scholarship's inception in 2015, 169 students have received more than \$250,000 in funding to assist with college. Additionally, local schools in the Southeast Gas service area receive direct assistance through the company's Give Back to Schools programs, totaling more than \$1,400,000 over the past 14 years. Southeast Gas provides natural gas service to 36 communities throughout Southeast Alabama, and is owned by 14 cities - Abbeville, Andalusia, Brundidge, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Fort Deposit, Greenville, Headland, Luverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy.

**"Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.**

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m.

This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery.

For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.

Tickets on sale for new play at Brundidge's We Piddle Around Theatre

The Brundidge Historical Society will present the brand new, original folk life play, "Well, It's All Over Town!" at the We Piddle Around Theatre in Brundidge on May 4th 5th, and 6th.

Doors will open each night at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each and include dinner and the play.

Call (334) 685-5524 or (334) 670-6302 or tickets.

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**New Hope Senior Center looking for new participants**

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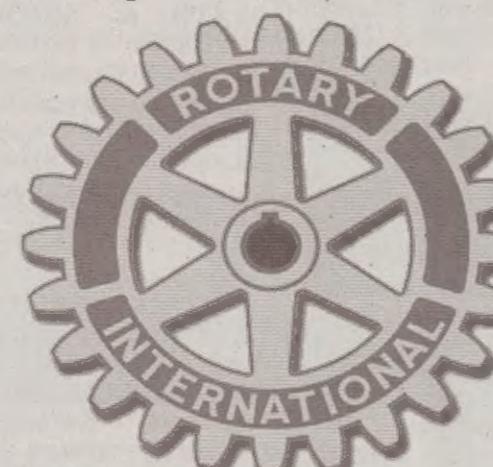
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## The Elba Rotary Club

had a successful Golf Tournament on April 14, 2023 to raise funds for scholarships for graduating seniors and for the care of the playground at Tiger Town Park in Elba. A special thanks to all who made this possible:



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**ELBA MASONIC LODGE REGULAR MEETING WORK...** On Monday, April 17, during the regular meeting of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, Brother Joseph Hayden Disotell was examined on his Entered Apprentice Lesson, and Brother Seth Edmon Hanchey was examined on his Fellow Craft lesson, each by Brother Mike Amison. Also, Brother Joshua Dewayne Carnley was examined on his Master Mason lesson by Harry Young. All reportedly turned in great lessons. Those pictured above include: [front, l to r] Daniel Stephens, Mike Amison, Matt Brunson Sr., Matt Brunson Jr., Seth Edmon Hanchey, Blake Austin, Joseph Hayden Disotell, Chris Sanders, Dale Stewart, Joe Daugherty, and Wayne Bryan; [middle, l to r] Shane Goude, Drexell Richards, Joshua Dewayne Carnley, Justin Prescott, Heath Hornsby, Michael Phelps, Randy Hawthorne, Eddie Kelley, Allan Crenshaw, and Joel Moore; and [back, l to r] Mike Stocke, Tommy Morrow, Wendell Black, Jerome Blackmon, and Troy Gideon III.

**LEGAL NOTICES**Public Notices also are posted on the websites: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com) and [www.alabamapublicnotices.com](http://www.alabamapublicnotices.com) at no extra charge**NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS ACTION**

Notice to: unknown father of S.B. (DOB 06/13/2007), and C.B. (DOB 01/31/2014), mother Marissa Baldwin, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Coffee County Department of Human Resources' petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed the 7th day of February, 2023, (set for hearing on the 7th day of July, 2023 at 19:00 a.m., Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama) and other relief by the 3rd day of June 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. 19 JU 2021-135.01 and 19 JU 2021-138.02, in the Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-16-62, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

\$45-16-62

The coroner shall be elected at the general election and every four years thereafter, and shall serve for a term of four years.

The coroner shall appoint a chief deputy coroner from the judicial circuit division of the county where the elected coroner does not reside. The chief deputy coroner shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of \$400 per month. The coroner may appoint one deputy coroner. The deputy coroner shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of \$300 per month. The Coffee County Commission may adjust the compensation and any expense allowance for the chief deputy coroner or deputy coroner by resolution of the commission. Any compensation or expense allowance shall be paid from the county general fund by the county commission.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRALEE SKINNER, Deceased.

**COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION****CASE NO. PC-23-028****IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRALEE SKINNER, Deceased.****NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED**

Letters of Administration

of said deceased having

been granted to the under-

signed on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of

April, 2023, by the Hon.

Jodee R. Thompson, Judge

of Probate Court of Coffee

County, Alabama, notice is

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sons having claims against

said estate are hereby

required to present the same

within time allowed by law

or the same will be barred.

/s/ Casey Skinner

Personal Representative

5/4,11&amp;18-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION****CASE NO. PC-2023-027****IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE MARGARET SPIRA, Deceased****NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Donna M. McVeigh,

as Personal Representative

of the Estate of Geraldine

Margaret Spira on the 25<sup>th</sup>

day of April, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R.

Thompson, Probate Judge

of Coffee County, Alabama,

notice is hereby given that

all persons having claims

against said Estate are hereby

required to present the same

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Hon. Jodee R. Thompson,

Probate Judge

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From

### The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our newest grandson Cannon** has a very anxious set of parents as they await the day he gets up on his knees and takes off around the house crawling. We have told them he will take off one day when he has somewhere he wants to go, and when he does they will wish he would slow down. I don't really remember our girls first steps back many years ago. However, I do know they have been going full speed ever since.

#### For what it is worth....

\*\*\* **The Elba Lady Tigers** closed out the regular season with a win last week and will head off to the playoffs with the team's most wins in many years. The Elba girls have only two seniors on the team, which should help them be successful again next season. However, the players and coaches aren't looking ahead and have their sights set on many more wins in post-season play. Nothing ever comes easy for the team in 'black and gold,' but hopefully they have saved their best for last and will give their fans plenty to cheer about in the weeks to come.

\*\*\* **The Brantley Bulldogs** opened the high school baseball season with three straight losses and dropped four of their first five games, but just kept on working and caught fire late in the season and have continued to sizzle in the first two rounds of the playoffs with sweeps over Calhoun and Millry to advance to the third round. A lot of people wondered what was wrong with the Bulldogs early in the season. However, they are now on a roll and are a team that no one else in 1A wants to face.

\*\*\* **The Kinston Bulldogs** wrapped up a playoff berth by mid-season and looked like a 1A power, but the Bulldogs lost their last five regular season games and looked like anything but a contender back two weeks ago. While the 'Dogs did see their season end last weekend with a second round loss to Sweet Water, they shocked the state with a first round sweep on the road and posted a win in the series last weekend to complete a solid season. Kinston may not have made it as far as they had hoped, but the Bulldogs once again proved they were competitive in all sports in the 1A ranks, and had a solid stellar season.

\*\*\* **In closing....** Hundreds of lives were changed forever last week at the NFL Draft as the pro football league filled the pockets of former college players. Rookie contracts are locked in based on when a player is selected, with all rookie contracts being four-year deals. Bryce Young, the top pick in the draft, pulled in a \$42.2 million contract with a signing bonus of \$26.9 million, while former Crimson Tide teammates Will Anderson will get a cool \$38.2 million as the third selection and Jahmyr Gibbs will get a \$19.2 million pact as the twelfth pick. College football has become a business with the inception of the NIL contracts, but it is still easy to see why all the players set their sights on the NFL, and you can bet keep a watchful eye on their bank accounts. The sport has changed forever, even at the high school level.

### High School

### SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

Statistics from GAMECHANGER

#### High School Softball -

**Samson 7 New Brockton 3** – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and saw a late rally fall short in a 7-3 loss to Samson. Kinsley Owens had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI to lead New Brockton at the plate, while Kennedy Hussey added 1 hit and 1 RBI, and Kierstin Sunday added 1 hit. Mackenzie Jones, Kennedy Hussey and Ariana Smith combined to pitch six innings and allowed three earned runs on eight hits and three walks, while striking out three.

**Brantley 6 Highland Home 0** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back to defeat Highland Home 6-0. Alex Grimes had 2 hits, including a home-run, had 3 RBI's and scored 1 run to lead Brantley at the plate, while AC Free added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 RBI; Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits and scored 1 run; and, Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Kirstyn Ramirez added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 RBI. Kallie Qualls and Mackenzie Jones combined to pitch seven innings and allowed 4 earned runs on 12 hits.

**New Brockton 10 Pike Lib 9** – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks jumped out to a 6-0 first inning lead and turned back a late threat to defeat Pike Liberal Arts 10-9. Kennedy Hussey had 4 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 RBI's to lead New Brockton, while Shelby Hobbs added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 RBI's; Gabby Eubanks added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Kirstyn Ramirez added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 RBI. Mackenzie Jones combined to pitch seven innings and allowed 4 earned runs on 12 hits.

**Luverne 6 Brantley 5** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs battled from behind throughout the game in a 6-5 loss to Brantley. Campbell Hawthorne had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 RBI's to lead Brantley, while Alex Grimes added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI; and, Emma Crawley added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Kaylee Navarre and Anna Free combined to pitch six and one-third innings and allowed one earned run on seven hits and three walks.

**Brantley 7 Prattville 2** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late to claim a big 7-2 win over Prattville. Emma Crawley and Campbell Hawthorne both had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 RBI to lead Brantley at the plate, while Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits and 1 RBI, and Coco Stamps added 2 hits and scored

#### Outscore Goshen 12-11

### Elba Lady Tigers win a wild one

Statistics from  
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The Elba Lady Tigers closed the regular season last week with an exciting 12-11 win over Goshen.

Goshen jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning and upped its lead to 3-0 in the top of the second, but the Lady Tigers bats came to life in the bottom of the inning and sparked by two-out singles by A'Lyric Whitfield and Mary Brooklyn O'Neal played two runs to pull within 3-2.

Elba trailed 4-2 heading into the bottom of the fourth. However, the Lady Tigers erupted for four runs in the inning and grabbed their first lead at 6-4. Walks to A'Lyric Whitfield and Alayvia Stinson ignited the rally, while Mary Brooklyn O'Neal, Taylor Day, Destinee Tidwell and Danielle Tidwell all came through with key hits as the Lady Tigers went on top.

The Lady Tigers continued their rally at the plate in the fifth inning and used a two-run double by Alayvia Stinson to add four more runs to extend their lead to 10-4, only to see Goshen take advantage of Elba errors to score three sixth inning runs and close to within 10-7.

Back-to-back hits by Elba's Emily Richardson and Ana Caldwell helped the Lady Tigers up their lead to 11-7 in the bottom of the sixth, but Goshen plated four runs in the top of the seventh and pulled even at 11-11.

Elba's Alayvia Stinson reached on a leadoff single in the bottom of the seventh, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Taylor Day and went to third on a wild pitch to put the winning run only sixty-



Elba Lady Tiger Aimee Senn watches the ball fly after a big hit in a recent win. The Lady Tigers closed area play with a 6-2 record.

(Photo by B.C. Sports Photography)

feet from the plate, and the Lady Tigers took advantage of the late threat and pulled out the win when Destinee Tidwell ripped an RBI single to put Elba on top to stay at 12-11.

A'Lyric Whitfield and Alayvia Stinson both had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 RBI; Ana Caldwell added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI; Taylor Day and Emily Richardson both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Aimee Senn and Danielle Tidwell both added 1 hit and 1 RBI. Zaniyah Mitchell pitched seven innings and allowed one earned run on seven hits and four walks, while recording four strikeouts.



Elba Lady Tiger Emily Richardson found out that a good set of fingernails come in handy in a close game.

(Photo by B.C. Sports Photography)

#### Padgett brothers take third place in bass tourney fundraiser

The Straughn School Fishing Team sponsored a Bass Tournament Fundraiser Saturday, April 22, on Gant Lake. It was open to anyone interested (adults and youth).

Thirty-three boats registered for the event.

Drake Padgett, age 12, who has been following his older brother, Avery Padgett, for four years as he has traveled the state of Alabama fishing with the Zion

Chapel Bass Team, asked Avery if he would be available and interested in fishing this tournament and allow him to fish with him. After checking his tournament schedule, Avery agreed to fish the tournament.

On the heels of Avery's commitment, their dad immediately paid their registration fee, and Drake's anxiety level began to heighten; he had never had such an experience. Living on Point

A, Drake has been fishing in the area quite often but never in a tournament. Like he had seen his brother do in the past four years, Drake made a few shopping trips to add to his tackle collection and spent several hours organizing his tackle bag.

Launch time came at 6 a.m. (before daylight) Saturday, April 22, and Avery's boat was in the water with him and Drake on board.

Check-in time was 2 p.m.

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## SPORTS NEWS

**Sweeps Millry 5-4, 5-4**

### Brantley brings out the brooms

Statistics from  
GAMECHANGER

The Brantley Bulldogs competed in the Class 1A high school baseball playoffs last weekend and posted their second straight series sweep as they posted a pair of exciting 5-4 wins over Millry to advance to quarterfinal action.

Following are highlights of last week's playoff wins:

**Brantley 5 Millry 4**

Brantley's AJ Kilpatrick laid down a squeeze bunt



Brantley Bulldogs celebrate after posting another big win. The Bulldogs will meet Sweet Water this week in third round playoff action..

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

### Kinston Bulldogs ousted from 1A playoffs with three-game series loss to Sweet Water

Statistics from  
GAMECHANGER

The Kinston Bulldogs lit up the scoreboard in the opening game of last week's Class 1A baseball playoff series in a 9-7 win over Sweet Water, but managed only four runs in the next two games as they



Kinston Bulldog Owen Patterson (6) crosses the plate to help the 'Dogs win game one of last weekend's 1A playoff series over Sweet Water.

(Photo by Linda Hodge, Editor)

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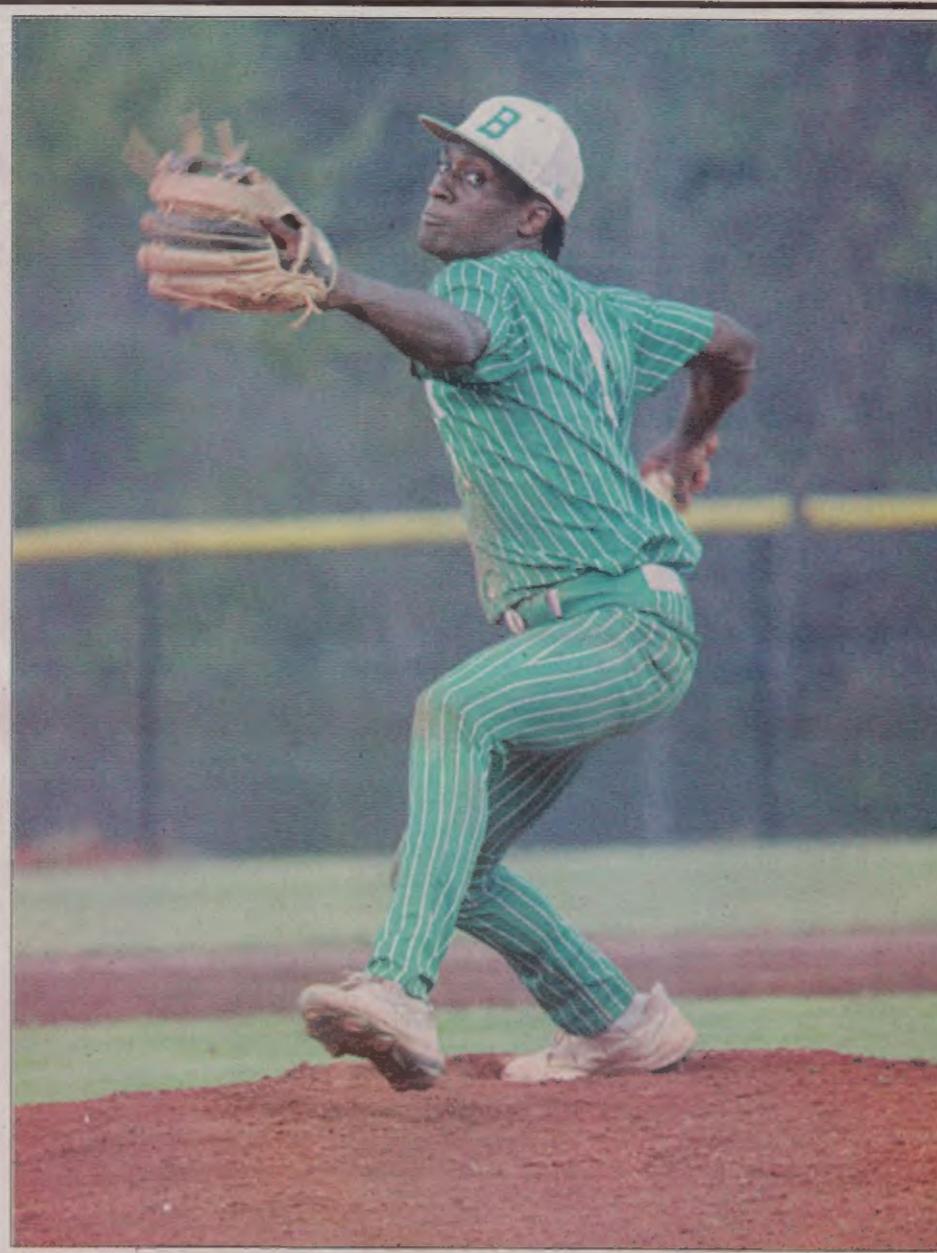
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**Brantley Bulldog Jayden Parks** was the winning pitcher in both playoff games last weekend as the 'Dogs advanced to the third round of the Class 1A high school baseball state tournament.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)



**Kinston Bulldog Cale Sumblin (24)** prepares to deliver a pitch in last weekend's playoff series against Sweet Water. The Bulldogs dropped the series 2-1 as their season came to an end.

(Photo by Linda Hodge, Editor)

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Drake thanks Avery for allowing him to fish with him and teaching him some new tricks for catching bass. He also thanks the Straughn Fishing Team for sponsoring an outstanding tournament and his family who came for the weigh-in.

**PHOTO TO THE RIGHT:** Avery Padgett, left, fished the Straughn Bass Team's fundraiser event on Gant Lake recently with his younger brother, Drake Padgett (right). This was Drake's first fishing tournament. The brothers placed third in the event. They are shown holding the fish that vaulted them to third place in the fundraising event that featured over 30 boats.

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